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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Suspension of operations by Kelly & Walsh Limited, (British), No. 400 Ferry Road.

D.S.I. Smith, Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 11 a.m. on the 23-1-42 a telephone message was received from Mr. J.H. Searle, Director and Manager of Kelly & Walsh Ltd., No. 400 Ferry Road, to the effect that a number of dismissed workers were creating a disturbance outside the premises.

D.S.I. Smith and a party of Police attended and found approximately 50 dismissed workers congregated outside the main entrance to the building. There was no disorder.

As reported in Diary No. 1, the dismissed workers were paid-off on the 31-12-41. They are now demanding a "discharge gratuity" equivalent to 1 year's wages.

After it was explained to the disgruntled men that the company had no funds available, and that they would have to wait pending further developments, they dispersed quietly.

D. Smith
D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

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u pen ion of operation by Kelly & Walsh Limited, (British) No. 400 Perry Road.

D. I. Smith. Officer i/c.

Sir,

As a result of the present international situation Kelly & Walsh Ltd., No. 400 Perry Road, were compelled to suspend operation of the 31-12-41.

Over 107 male and 10 female workers have been thrown-out of employment. They were given their rice allowance for the month of December but were not paid their wages owing to the banking restriction.

About 9.30 a.m. on the 31-12-41 some 80 workers assembled outside the factory and demanded full pay for the month of December and rice allowance for January 1942.

On the afternoon of the 31-12-41 Mr. J.H. Searle, Director and Manager of Kelly & Walsh Ltd., met six of the worker representatives in Gordon Road Station, Detective Office, and it was agreed between them that the workers shall be paid today for the 12 days they have worked this month, and when more funds are available they will receive the balance of their December salaries and rice allowance for January.

D. I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 480/39.

"B" Division.
Gordon Road Police Station.
December 21st, 1939.

Diary Number:- 3.

Nature of Offence:- Writ of Det.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Dec. 19th to 21st, 1939.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	Please see below.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Since forwarding diary No.2 on this case detectives have interviewed Mr. Morris Manager of Kelly & Walsh, 400 [illegible] and ascertained that all workers are continuing their work normally and appear satisfied with their new conditions.

Mr. Morris pointed out that with the exception of a few workers including Yung Foh Seu all his employees are [illegible] standing with the firm and that prior to employment of these few, particularly above [illegible], there has been no trouble in the works therefore, in view of the forcible attitude Yung Foh Seu adopted when [illegible] he wished to have [illegible] against him in Court.

Accordingly Yung Foh Seu has been charged with intimidation [illegible] to Art. 304 of the S.M.C. and will re-appear before Court on December 23rd for trial.

As there is insufficient evidence to prefer a charge against the 2nd described Yao Ling Kwei, who, incidently made a statement on Dec. 18th implicating Yung Foh Seu as the instigator of the strike, application will be made for the cancellation of the Writ of Detention against him.

D.C.I. "A" Div.

D.C. "B" Div.

D.C. (Sp. Br.).

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CRIME DIARY.

"B" Division.

Gordon Road Police Station.

Crime Register No. 2362/39.

December 21st, 1939.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:— 33.	
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Dec. 18th to 21st, 1939.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	400 Ferry Road. S.M.D.Court. Det. office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	400 Ferry Road, Printing Works.
Time and date of offence.	About 4.40 p.m. Dec. 18, 1939.
" " " reported.	4.45 p.m. Dec. 18, 1939 by telephone.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Mr. J. [illegible], Manager Kelly & Walsh Ltd, Publishers, 400 Ferry Road.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	One arrested and charged. Yu [illegible] (俞福煌), 36, Ningpo. [illegible], [illegible] Tai Tah Li, Singa Road.
Arrests.	One by Detective Staff.
Classification of property stolen.	/ Value $
Classification of property recovered.	/ Value $
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	/
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	M.O. Accused who was the leader of a strike at 2.30 p.m. both used intimidative methods in an endeavour to force favourable results from demands of strikers.

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(j) What staff employed on premises?
(k) Are they all "old" servants?
(l) If not, where was their last employment and for how long?
(m) What was their "characters"?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
(o) Are old servants suspected?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

Enquiries by C.D.S. 228 and D.S.I. McCahey.

At 4.45 p.m. December 18th 1939 Mr. J. Searle Manager of Kelly & Walsh Printers & Publishers 400 Perry Road telephoned Gordon Road Station to the effect about 140 employees had at 2.30 p.m. declared a strike which was led by one particular worker whom he wished to have arrested and charged.

A party of police visited the scene and on investigating the strike (subject of Misc. File No.430) ascertained that the workers had on about December 15th made certain demands for better treatment regarding rice allowance and bonus. The management had at the time made it clear to the workers that the demands would receive favourable consideration but that same would require time, no date being set for a reply to be given.

However, on the afternoon of December 18th Mr. Searle left the office to make further investigations regarding the dispute whereupon the accused Yung Fuh Sou (龍福壽) at 2.30 p.m. (18th) ordered all workers to cease work and stop machines.

Mr. Searle was contacted by telephone at 3.30 p.m. and returned at once to the works and enquired the trouble. The accused demanded a reply to their demands although he was not one of the representatives of the workers signing the document of demands. Complainant informed all the workers that their demands were receiving the attention of the directors and that reply would be given as soon as considered. The accused commenced shouting that this was not

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RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

satisfactory [illegible] that the reply was required at once. [illegible] complainant informed them that as he had [illegible] he would do again and [illegible] the accused rushed to the door [illegible] help from remainder and closed the [illegible] complainant's departure pushing him [illegible] the office. At this point the Police were called by [illegible] the accused was taken into custody.

It is worthy of note that although the accused did not [illegible] it is to be seen it was well known that he was the [illegible] provoker of a strike on July 24, 1939 (Subject of Inc. File No.242/39).

In view of the foregoing the accused is being charged with [illegible] contr. to Art. 304 of the S.M.C. and will reappear at court on December 23rd for trial he being held on Writ of Detention between Inc. 16th and 23rd under Inc. No.400/39.

[illegible]
D.S.I.

D.D.O."B" Div.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 400/39.

"B" Division.
Gordon Road Police Station.
December 19th, 1939.

Diary Number: 2.

Nature of Offence:—Writ of Det.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	16th to 19th Dec. 1939.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	. . .Court. 400 Ferry Road & Detective Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

On the remainder of the striking workers becoming aware that Yung Foh Lou and Yao Ling Fwei were detained over night a deputation of about ten proceeded to Haig Court Apartments where Mr. Searle resides with a view to requesting him to mediate with the Police for the release of the two men. However Mr. Searle was absent and Mr. Allington, Assistant Manager visited Haig Court and persuaded the workers to wait until 7 a.m. 19th.

All workers assembled outside 400 Ferry Road after 7 a.m. and a representative party of six waited on Mr. Searle who gave his answer to the demands, that being

The company will pay half the difference in price of rice per picul over $20.

Working hours are to be changed from present 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Ordinary pay for overtime instead of the present time and half.

The representatives consulted the workers and later requested mediation of Mr. Searle regarding the two arrested men. He refused however and informed that the present circumstances of these men were not his concern, further that if they wished to enter the premises and work they could do so at once on his

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Diary Number:— 2/2. Nature of Offence:—

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given terms.

After further consultation among themselves all workers except those arrested returned to work at 11 a.m. accepting conditions of the management.

In the meantime Yang Foh Yeu and Yao Lin Kwei appeared before the M.D. Court and were placed on writ of detention until Saturday Dec. 23rd.

Enquiries proceeding.

D.I.

A.D.C. "B" Div.

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REPORT ON STRIKE

Misc. 480/39.

"B" Division

Gordon Road Station December 18th, 1939.

Time and date reported 4.45p.m. 18-12-39 Time and date S.B. informed 6 p.m. Dec. 18, 1939.

Time and date strike commenced 2.30 p.m. Dec. 18, 1939.

By whom reported Mr. J.H. Searle, Mgr. Director, Kelly & Walsh, 400 Ferry Rd.

Trade or profession of strikers Printers.

Number of strikers 140 Male 130 Female 10 Apprentices

Employer's name, address and business Kelly & Walsh Ltd. Publishers, Printers & Booksellers, 66 Nanking Road.

Union to which strikers belong Mutual Friendship Association (Kelly & Walsh Employees only).

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Over Rice allowance, bonus etc.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence Wednesday Dec. 13th, 1939.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Had demands under consideration.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers As above, expecting to prepare reply by 19th.

Names and addresses of strike leaders Yung Foh Seu(熊福炤),28,Ningpo,22 Tai Tuh Li, Sinza Rd. & Yao Ling Kwei (姚林桂),30,Shanghai,Unnumbered hut inside Lane 1538 Sinza Road.

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration None suspected at present.

Meeting places of strikers /

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Two (Writ of Detention).

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars --

Precautions taken by Police Uniform Police & Detectives posted outside Works.

Investigating Officer D.S.I. McCahey & C.D.S. 128.

John Cahey D.S.I.

Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general -

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 480/39.

"B" Division.
Gordon Road Police Station.
December 18th, 1939.

Diary Number: 1.

Nature of Offence:—Writ of Det.

Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Ref. below.	Places visited in course of investigation each day	

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

At 4.45 p.m. December 18, 1939 the undersigned received a report by telephone from Mr. J.H. Searle, Managing Director of the Kelly & Walsh Printing Works, 400 Ferry Road, to the effect that the workers had struck work, were causing trouble on the premises, and that he wished to have the ringleader arrested.

A party of Police under Inspt. White Officer i/c and the undersigned turned out immediately and on reaching the works found all the male workers about one hundred and thirty in number, assembled around the Manager's office door within the building. One of these males Yung Foh Seu (熊福煦), 28, Ningpo, M/Printing Coolie, with home at 22 Tah Tuh Li, off Sinza Road was shouting to the remainder and was then pointed out by Mr. Searle, who had awaited the Police by the door, as the ringleader and one who was inciting the mob of workers. Furthermore Mr. Searle stated that when he had informed the workers he was going out to call the Police the afore-described had rushed the doorway and attempted to close the Grille against Mr. Searle's leaving.

As detectives led Yung Foh Seu from the office to waiting Police van the crowd of workers led by Yao Ling Kwei (姚林桂), 30, Shanghai, M/Printer, 1531

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Sinza Road followed the second named shouting them on to assist Yung Foh Seu.

At Gordon Road Station Mr. Searle gave the following account of happenings leading up to strike their second during six months, first having occurred on 24-7-39 (Misc. 282/39) over increase in wages to which demands the management acceded.

About 2 p.m. Thursday 14th an assistant manager asked Mr. Searle if he had noticed anything suspicious among the workers. The reply being in the negative the assistant informed Mr. Searle that during the forenoon he had occasion to send Yung Foh Seu out of three different departments where his work did not call for his presence and which he thought suspicious.

Later same afternoon Yung Foh Seu was observed by Mr. Searle handing a letter to the chief Chinese clerk Zung Tseh Ching (鄭式欽) which was translated (copy attached) setting forth a request in three clauses, signed by a representative of each department of the works.

(1) That the first increased cost of living allowance of 10% be added to our salaries.

(2) That overtime rates include allowances.

(3) That a rice allowance be granted based on the following:-

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Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day		Places visited in course of investigation each day	

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The standard price of Rice be taken as $20.00 per picul.

Each worker requires ½ picul of Rice per month.

If price of Rice is over $20.00 per picul, each worker be granted an allowance to cover the difference in price on ½ picul, or the Company buy Rice and give each worker ½ picul for $10.00.

If price of Rice falls to $20.00 per picul this allowance to be cancelled.

Mr. Searle informed the representatives he would take the request up with his directors and would require time to consider the matter. - here it may be stated that Messrs Kelly & Walsh Ltd. pay their workers' wages on the 10th of each month.

On Friday morning 15th, Mr. Searle placed the letter before the Chief of the firm Mr. A.E. Glover and received instructions to obtain data regarding what other similar firms were doing in the matter. Since then Mr. Searle has been busy compiling information.

However, he left the Ferry Road Office at about 2.30 p.m. today 16th only to be informed by telephone at 3.30 p.m. that the workers had struck work. He returned immediately but was unable to pacify the strikers who became abusive with the foregoing results.

The two arrested men have been closely interro-

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Gated by C.D.. 128, the undersigned and D.S.I. Mittinsky and Liao Tsung Gee of the Special Branch H.Q. when Yung Foh Seu denied being the ringleader. The second Yao Ling Kwei however, made a statement implicating Yung Foh Seu as the instigator of the strike.

In view of the foregoing application will be made before the ..D.Court for a Writ of Detention against the two arrested men so that detectives may make further investigations.

D.S.I.

D.C."B" Div.

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D.C. (Sp. Br.).

December 14th, 1939.

Dear Manager,

These days the cost of living is rapidly increasing.

The last increase you kindly granted us against the increased cost of living at that time is insufficient to cover the further increased cost since that time.

We find it very difficult to keep our families out of the wages we receive, and every day we are so worried that we cannot do our work properly. We cannot think of any way out of the difficulty.

So we again ask you to help us so that we can keep our families, even in the lowest possible way. This will make us happy and we will work hard to help the Company.

To help us to continue to keep our families we ask if you can grant us the following:

1. That the first increased cost of living allowance of 10% be added to our salaries.

2. That overtime rates include allowances.

3. That a Rice allowance be granted based on the following:

   The standard price of Rice be taken as $20.00 per picul.

   Each worker requires ½ picul of Rice per month.

   If price of Rice is over $20.00 per picul, each worker be granted an allowance to cover the difference in price on ½ picul, or the Company buy Rice and give each worker ½ picul for $10.00.

   If price of Rice falls to $20.00 per picul this allowance to be cancelled.

Signed by each department.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Yao Ling Kwei (姚林桂)
native of Shanghai taken by ~~XX~~ C.D. 128
at W.Rd. Stn. on the 18-12-39 and ~~interpreted~~ by Clerk Chen Pao An.

My name is Yao Ling Kwei, age 30 years, native of Shanghai, married & residing at an unnumbered hut inside Lane 1536 Sinza Road. I am employed as a worker in the Kelly & Walsh Printing Coy, 400 Ferry Road.

On the 14-12-39 all the printers in the factory requested the company to increase Rice allowance and representatives wrote a letter to the manager asking a reply prior to December 18th, 1939.

At about 3 p.m. December 18th, our representatives asked the manager about the demands but the manager said a reply will be given to-morrow. At that time one worker named Yung Foh Seu told all workers in every department to discontinue work and then all stopped the machines.

At about 5 p.m. even date Yung Foh Seu was arrested and taken to the Police Station therefore we, all workers, proceeded together to the Station and requested release Yung Foh Seu. I was then arrested by Police at the entrance of the station.

The above is my true statement.

Signed & Cross marked:-
Yao Ling Kwei.

Joh Cabot

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Gordon Road Station,

REPORT

Date August 4, 1939.

Subject Strike of Workers at Kelly and Walsh Ltd., 400 Ferry Road.

Made by D.S.I. McCahey. Forwarded by

Officer i/c.

Sir,

With reference to above there has been no further trouble at these works.

At time of this strike Mr. Searle, Managing Director, secured a photograph of a workman No. 112 Yun Foh Shu (允福叔) 29, Chekiang, who was suspected of being the leader of the strike movement, therefore two copies are forwarded herewith for information of Special Branch.

One copy is kept on station file.

Yours obediently,

D.S.I.

D.D. "B" Div.

Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Gordon Road Station,

Further REPORT

Date July 27th, 1939.

Subject: Strike of workers at Kelly & Walsh Ltd., 400 Ferry Road.

Made by: D.S.I. McCahey Forwarded by: [illegible]
Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 4 p.m. July 26th one of the employees of Kelly & Walsh, 400 Ferry Road, and one of the six delegates appointed, handed [illegible] to a document showing list of names of employees and various details also showing age, period of service, former wages (starting wage) present wages, years employed and increase given [illegible] during his respective service. Attached was a covering letter signed by each of the six delegates giving details and percentage of new increase [illegible] in accordance with new high cost of living.

At 10 a.m. Inspt. [illegible], D.S.I. [illegible], D.S.I. Liao Chang Chen of [illegible] and the undersigned proceeded to 400 Ferry Road and [illegible] assembled in office managing Director [illegible]. The [illegible] gave the firm's reply to demands as setting out the increase granted:-

"Those workers [illegible]	[illegible]	increase of	30%
" " "	$30.	"	20,-
" " "	Above $30.	"	10,-

Night work pay which had been decreased by [illegible] to resume as normal on old pay basis."

After consideration by the delegates, who at first showed signs of rejection, they accepted management's offer on behalf of all workers and expressed their satisfaction and thanks to Mr. Searle.

Police party returned to Station at 11.15 a.m.

Yours obediently,

John Cahey
D.S.I.

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S.1, Special Branch/~~Station~~

REPORT

Date July 27, 1939.

Subject Kelly & Walsh Ltd. - Printing Factory Workers granted increase in wages.

Made by D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien Forwarded by C. Glanford D.I.

In connection with the dispute between the management and workers of the Printing Factory of the Kelly & Walsh Ltd., 400 Ferry Road, (British) over a demand by the workers for an increase in wages in view of the prevailing high cost of living, a meeting between the management and representatives of the workers was held in the office of the factory at 10 a.m. July 27, 1939. Inspector White, D.S.I. MacCahey, D.S.I. Tao Keng Yoong (Gordon Road Station) and D.S.I. Liao Chung Chien (Special Branch) were present.

Mr. J.H. Searle, Manager of the Factory, told the workers who were represented by:-

1. Wong Wei (王偉)
2. Teeu Chiu Sung (周秋生)
3. Wong Hoong Sung (王洪生)
4. Sih Ching Foh (薛金福)
5. Nien Foh Ping (嚴福平)
6. Mao Tuh Ling (毛德林)

that he did not approve of the attitude of the workers with regard to the present issue. The Company has been in existence for more than 30 years but had never experienced any disturbance as that which occurred on July 24. (the workers declared a "tai-kung" strike on that day). A repetition of such acts on the part of the workers, Mr. Searle continued, would compel him to

discharge the whole staff at one time. The demand of the workers for the following increases:-

	Increase
Wages below $21.00 per mensem.	40%
Wages below $31.00 " "	30%
Wages of and above $31.00 per mensem.	20%

Mr. Searle added, had been studied by the management of Kelly & Walsh Ltd. who had decided that the following increase be granted:-

Wages below $21.00 per mensem.	30%
" " $31.00 " "	20%
" of and above $31.00 per mensem	10%

The rate of pay for overtime work in force before the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937 to be resumed. (One working day in this factory comprises 8 working hours. Overtime work was paid at 50% more than the daily wages but was reduced by between 15% ~~to~~ 25% after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in 1937.)

After some discussions between themselves, the representatives of the workers agreed to accept the terms given them with the exception of the increase for those whose pay is below $21.00. They demanded that this class of employees be granted an increase of 40% instead of 30% as suggested by the manager, in view of the fact

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that they suffered the most as the result of the increased cost of living.

At this juncture, the police intervened, informing the workers that the rate of increase as suggested by the manager of the factory was already higher than that obtained by workers of any other printing establishment in Shanghai and as the manager had done his best to secure the increase for them there appeared no ground for them to argue further. The six representatives eventually accepted the concessions given them, thanked the manager for his kindness and left the office.

The meeting was concluded at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. P. Y. Koo, member of the Industrial Section, S.M.C., called at the factory shortly after the meeting had started.

Liao Cheng Chu
D. S. I.

D.C.B.

D.C.(Special Branch)

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REPORT ON STRIKE

Misc. 282/39.

"B" Division

Gordon Road Station July 24th, 1939.

Time and date reported 4.05p.m. 24-7-39 Time and date S.B. informed 4.20 p.m. 24th

Time and date strike commenced 4 p.m. July 24, 1939.

By whom reported Works Managing Director Mr. J.H. Searle.

Trade or profession of strikers Printers.

Number of strikers 100 Male 100 Female / Apprentices /

Employer's name, address and business Kelly & Walsh Ltd.

Head Office 66 Nanking Road, Works 400 Ferry Road.

Union to which strikers belong /

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Increase in wages

Under	$20.00	per	month	40%
"	$30.00	"	"	30%
Over	$30.00	"	"	20%

Increase demanded.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence Friday July 21, 1939.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Promised consideration of demands but requested time.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers

Set Thursday July 27th, 10 a.m. as time and date of reply to demands.

Names and addresses of strike leaders /

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration Political inspiration suspected.

Meeting places of strikers Works.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike /

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike /

Name and address of printer of such circulars

Precautions taken by Police Please see attached report.

Investigating Officer D.S.I. McCahey, Tao Keng Yong & C.D.S. 128.

Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general use.

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Gordon Road Station,

REPORT

Date July 24th. 19 39.

Subject Strike of Workers at Kelly & Walsh Ltd., 400 Ferry Road.

Made by D.S.I. McCahey Forwarded by Officer i/c.

Sir,

On Saturday July 22, 1939 the undersigned received information from Mr. J.R. Searle, Managing Director of Kelly & Walsh Ltd, 400 Ferry Road, to the effect that he expected some labour trouble in the works.

Officer i/c Gordon Road was informed on Monday morning 24th and patrols in vicinity instructed to give above works attention.

At 4.05 p.m. (24th) Mr. Searle informed the station negotiations had broken down and that a "sit down strike" had commenced at 4 p.m. The workers threatening to remain on premises day and night until their demands were met.

Full particulars of strike and definite request of management that the workers be ejected were explained to D.O."B" Div. by Officer in charge when instructions were received to eject if other means failed.

At 4.45 p.m. Inspt. White, S.I. Willis, D.S.I. McCahey, D.S.I. Tao Kong Yong and a party of uniform and detective staffs proceeded to the works at 400 Ferry Road and after consultation with various workers, acting as spokesmen, an amicable agreement was come to to the effect that work would continue normally until Thursday 10 a.m. July 27th, when Management would deliver their reply to a representative body of five or six workers, selected by the workers in the office in presence of Police officers.

Workers then left the works quietly and Police returned to station at 5.45 p.m.

In view of foregoing it is suggested an officer of the Special Branch S.I. be in attendance at 10 a.m. Thursday July 27th.

Yours obediently,

D.S.I.

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D.C.Sp.Br.